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SATURDAY'S E-PAGE "CRITIC."

The Critic to-morrow will appear as usual in an eight-page form, containing numerous special articles of timely interest, with excellent illustrations, including a capital letter from Tim Cavanagh, corresponding to the well-known Washington lady, two well-told stories; Joe West's regular column at Washington Hill; a graphic description of the Ivy City colony of horses and trainers during the winter season; copies of notes of personal and political gossip at the National Capital; something interesting to the ladies concerning Marriages and Marriage fees in the District of Columbia; the latest news of interest in baseball circles; Olive Harper's Fashion notes; a column for the Young Folks; a description of the Government Printing Office, by Frank Carpenter; "Olivia's" views on the new City Postoffice building, and many other features that cannot fail to please our constantly-increasing thousands of readers.

MEETINGS OF CONGRESS.

Some of the newspapers are evidently confounding Mr. Hoar's Inauguration Day resolution with some other resolution. "From the language used," says the New York *Mail and Express*, "it appears that the amendment is not merely to put the date of inauguration two months later, but is to substitute the 15th day of October for our famous first Monday in December, and thus lengthen the sessions of Congress at both ends." The joint resolution that passed the Senate was simply this:

The tenth of each year, the day preceding the last Tuesday of April, in the year 1889, at noon. The Senators whose existing term would otherwise expire on the 4th day of March, in the year 1889, or thereafter, shall continue in office until noon of the last Tuesday in April, next, except that if the 4th of April, at which time shall be substituted the 15th of March as the commencement of the expiration of the official term of the President, Vice-President, Senators, and Representatives in session.

There is nothing in Mr. Hoar's resolution relative to the time of meeting of Congress or the election of members.

There are bills pending in both Houses, however, which provide that Congress shall meet on the 16th of October, instead of the first Monday in December, and it is with these bills that the Hoar resolution has been confounded.

There is no proposed amendment to the Constitution that we are aware of, or ever is likely to be, modifying the existing constitutional obligation of the States to provide in their own way for the election of Senators and Representatives, subject to the approval of Congress, or inhibiting the right now possessed by Congress of designating its time of meeting. Nobody would approve an amendment of the Constitution restricting popular rights in these respects.

The joint resolution introduced in the House by Mr. Crain of Texas provides that the Constitution be so amended as to substitute the 31st of December for the 4th of March as the commencement and termination of the official term of the Members of the House.

Mr. Hoar's amendment looks to the change of Inauguration day from the 4th of March to the last Tuesday in April.

Mr. Crain's amendment is designed to do away with the election of Members between sessions, so that those who are chosen in November shall take their seats on the first Monday of January immediately following, instead of the first Monday of December of the next year.

The question now is how to harmonize these two amendments so as to enable an early ratification by the State Legislatures which are now in session, or which are to convene the coming fall and winter.

Mr. Crain's amendment is still on the texture platform our West.

There is between London and Paris no time to be given in seven hours and fifteen minutes.

Professor Wiggin says that the next earthquake period in this country will not begin until August, 1894. Thanks.

FOR PRESIDENT IN 1888, James G. Blaine of Maine; for Vice-President, Rutherford B. Hayes of Ohio.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

A PROOF-READER on a Western paper is advised as a man who is never sober. In other words, he is a water-proof reader. (Pique.)

Dr. HOLISTER of the Grand Army of the Republic, St. Louis, has accepted a call to the Third Avenue Presbyterian Church of Newark, N. J. He went West about six years ago from Huntington, Pa.

EIGHTY-FIVE WOMEN have just been examined in New York for employment as inspectors in the Custom House. One of the questions asked is: "Are you an enlisted man, and are you in the military or naval service?"

CHEAP SPONGE CAKE.—One egg beaten lightly, two-thirds cup of sugar, one-half cup of milk, one-half teaspoonful of soda and one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, one-half cup of flour, nutmeg and a little salt. This is a very nice recipe for the cake or will make three layers of Washington pie.

Mrs. DIXIE HAGGARD of Millidgeville, Ga., weighs less than 100 pounds, but possesses more wonderful gifts of strength than those of the famous Lula Hurst. She is also a writing medium of extraordinary power, but the secret of her success is much a mystery to herself as it is to others. Mrs. Maywood is the widow of the City Marshal of Millidgeville, who was killed during the late prohibition campaign.

A MINT TO THE S. P. C. A. In most, if not all, of the large cities in this country, there are societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals, but as a stronger force, would infer that there is no such organization in this District. The class of horses used on the race-course here is very poor, and the horses and drivers of the community, and the press of the city should take the matter up and not drop it until a change is brought about.

Visitors.

and the short session would be permanently abolished.

THE KANSAS CITY *Times* regrets that Mr. Ingalls declines to be mugwumped. It might have known that he would. Doesn't our esteemed contemporary remember his celebrated oration on the Pterodactyl and the "Opalescent Empyrean of Civil Service Reform?"

SENATOR RIDDLEBEEGER is by no means the unmixed evil that some people affect to think he is. The United States Senate stands in need of some lively counter-irritant to keep its slow blood in circulation.

THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE of room for the new City Postoffice on Judiciary Square without necessitating the closing of E street. The corner on Louisiana avenue and Fifth street is as slightly a location as there is in the city, and large enough. Ultimately the old City Hall will have to come down and a new structure be erected on the centre front. The southeast corner should be reserved for the new District Buildings. Then would there be an architectural pile on that splendid square that any Capital might be proud of and still leave several acres of beautiful park between it and the Postoffice building to the north.

SHERIDAN'S "EIDE" to Boston, it may be, will cut quite as much figure in history as that other famous ride of his. This is an era of surprises.

SENATOR KENNA is willing to have the tariff tinkered. He doesn't fear the competition of the "pauper labor of Europe," in competition with the infant hoop-pole and punkin industries of the noble old State of West Virginia.

HARPER's Weekly jabs a Damascus blade, as highly ornamented as it is keen, into Mr. Blaine and his friends, in the following graceful manner: "The conclusion that a party of which Mr. Blaine is the chief representative, is especially a party of reform, is a conclusion of pure comedy, which may enliven the campaign, but will not attract votes."

THE SENATOR from West Virginia resorts to poetry in his tariff reform arguments. This is where the people can show cause for demanding protection.

"Oh, give us a tariff as light and as free as the soul of a dinner-dish from sin. As soft as the moonlight that silvers the sea. When the roses and lilies kiss the duty on tin."

MR. RIDDLEBEEGER is the "child of the Schale," in other words, he is in that relation to the ancients that they must be careful what they say or do before him for fear he will speak out in company and give the whole thing away.

A NUMBER of colored citizens met at the Fourth Baptist Church last evening and repudiated the action of the late Willard Hall convention in most emphatic terms. It was the last Tuesday in April, at which time it had been determined at a meeting held October 23, 1887, being the second or final session.

All others are therefore hereby summoned to pay assessment to the proper officer of the Convention to be held October 23, 1888.

WANTED—A FIRST-CLASS COLORED WOMAN for general housework. Apply to LOUIS SHOEMAKER, 926 F street N. W.

WANTED—A YOUNG LADY TO GIVE DIRECTIONS in bookkeeping during the day to young gentleman. Address J. Critt Jones.

WANTED—A COLORED GIRL TO SETTLE UP WITH HER in small family of adults. Apply 803 31st st. N. W.

WANTED—A WOMAN TO COOK AND IRON. Apply at 1033 31st st. West Washington.

WANTED—A SETTLED WOMAN TO COOK AND DO GENERAL HOUSEWORK. Apply to 3420 Pierce Place.

WANTED—A WHITE GIRL, ABOUT 15 years old, to take care of a child three years old. Call at once at 809 31st st. N. W.

TYLER & RUTHERFORD.

WANTED—A DESIRABLE LOT IN THE BRITISH GULF. Apply to 1209 15th st. N. W.

WANTED—A WOMAN TO COOK AND DO GENERAL HOUSEWORK in a small family; must be good cook, washer and ironer. Good references. Apply to 1030 31st st. N. W.

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